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SUBJECT: FISHING -- NORWEGIAN PLANS ON ESTABLISHMENT
OF TRAWL FREE ZONES -- EVENSEN VISIT TO BONN

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1. ACCORDING TO KAUFMANN-BUEHLER (LEGAL
DIVISION OF FRG FOREIGN OFFICE), THE PURPOSE OF
EVENSEN'S VISIT WAS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AT THE
MINISTERIAL AND EXPERT LEVEL ABOUT NORWAY'S PROPOSED
ESTABLISHMENT OF TRAWLER-FREE ZONES AND TO DETERMINE
THE FRG'S WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT
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COVERING GERMAN FISHING IN THE ZONES. KAUFMANN-

BUEHLER EMPHASIZED THAT THE FRG WAS FULLY PREPARED TO ENTER NEGOTIATIONS ON THE SUBJECT, AND HE TERMS THE EVENSEN VISIT A SUCCESS IN THAT BOTH SIDES AGREE UPON THE NECESSITY OF A NEGOTIATED ARRANGEMENT.

2. KAUFMANN-BUEHLER DID INDICATE, HOWEVER, THAT A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS REMAIN UNANSWERED. FOR EXAMPLE, WILL THE PROPOSED ACTION REALLY BE NON-DISCRIMINATORY IF COMMERCIAL STILL-FISHING BY NORWEGIAN VESSELS IS PERMITTED IN THE ZONES? AND WILL THE FUTURE EXTENSION OF NORWEGIAN CONTROL OVER FISHING TO 200 MILES WHICH NORWAY HAS INDICATED IT IS CONTEMPLATING COVER ONLY THE NORTHERN FISHING GROUNDS OR THE ENTIRE NORWEGIAN COAST? KAUFMANN-BUEHLER ALSO INDICATED POSSIBLE DISAGREEMENT WITH THE NORWEGIANS ON THE LEGAL STATUS OF THE TRAWL-FREE ZONES. FRG WANTS THESE WATERS STILL TO BE CONSIDERED AS HIGH SEAS, SINCE FRG WISHES TO RETAIN JURISDICTION OVER GERMAN VESSELS FISHING IN THESE WATERS.

3. KAUFMANN-BUEHLER STATED THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH NORWAY WERE LIKELY TO START NEAR THE END OF NOVEMBER. IT WAS NOT YET CLEAR WHETHER NORWAY WISHED TO CONDUCT THEM ON A BILATERAL OR MULTILATERAL BASIS.
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